GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently decided to consult various departments and non-governmental organizations to make the National Population Policy effective;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard as on date;

(c) the measures taken by the Government so far towards population control; and

(d) the details of amount being spent on population control each year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 46 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH 2000 REGARDING NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a) & (b) In order to implement the National Population Policy effectively, a serious of consultation/conferences have been held during June-July, 2000 with State Health and Family Welfare Secretaries, Professional Medical Association and Medical Experts, Non-Government Organizations, Social Editors and Media Representatives, Consultative Committee of Parliament attached to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Industry as well as the Corporate Sector and concerned Departments of Central Government.

(c) The following steps have been taken by Government under the National Family Welfare Programme to arrest the growth of population:

(i) An integrated and holistic program of Reproductive and Child Health that includes Maternal Health, Child Health and Contraception issues was launched in October 1997.

(ii) Information, Education and Communication Programme is ongoing to increase awareness about the benefits of small family.

(iii) Assistance to States/UTs continues, towards maintenance of family welfare infrastructure.

(iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations and NGOs for creating awareness about schemes under family welfare program.

Further, Government has adopted a National Population Policy in February, 2000 which provides for holistic approach for achieving population stabilisation in the country.

d) The amount spent on Family Welfare Programme during the last three years, and allocation during the current year is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Plan Exp.
1997-98	1820.06
1998-99	2342.57
1999-2000	3118.91
2000-2001 (outlay)	3520.00